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Richard Lee House (Site)
Big Woods Community
Private

c. 1868

This one and a half story log house was probably one of the first built by Black families after emancipation. Like those of other Black landowners in the postbellum decades, it stood one and a half stories in height, contained two rooms down and two up, and was warmed by wood burning stoves, instead of open fireplaces as was common in comparable houses of Blacks in Southern Maryland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Richard Lee House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Barnesville

☒

VICINITY OF

Big Woods

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

K.L. Hackett

Telephone #: not listed

STREET & NUMBER

Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Land Records

Liber #: Case 4418

Folio #: Tax map: CV 31, P-964

STREET & NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville, Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Florence Hallman of the Big Woods community, this log house stood one and a half stories or two stories in height and contained two rooms down and two up. In general, its design and construction resembled those of the log houses of Lewis Brown, Isaac Owens, and Fred Hamilton which remain standing in the community. Refer to those sites for more details. Mrs. Hallman does recall that there was a meathouse behind this house and presumes that other common outbuildings were present, too.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Black History Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log house was probably one of the first built after emancipation, if it was constructed at the time of purchase by the Black landowner, Richard Lee. According to the deed, EBP 5/244, Lee purchased this tract in 1868. The grantors were Sarah and Daniel Price, whose identities are unknown at this point.

The history of the Lee family is important to the history of Big Woods since their descendants continue to live in the community. Two of Richard Lee's sons -- Noah and James -- settled on land in the community, built two story frame houses, married descendants of other Big Woods families, and broadened the extended family ties of the communities.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
 Deeds: EBP5/244.
 Equity Case: #4418.

Oral interviews with Florence Hallman, July-August 1978 (not taped)
 George McDaniel, Big Woods Community.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

8/78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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